



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – 7th Floor Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Randy Akes, Jr., Mary Jane Dana, Bruno DeBayona, Christina Duran, Norm Gritton, Jacob Hernandez, Erin House, Dana Kruckenberg, Nanci Larsen, David McNiel, Brian Percy, Heather Troxel, Pat Watson, Barbara Brown, Jay Dyer, Walter Jenson, Wivory Brandle, Carolyn Hart, Marisol Ruiz

Members Excused: Annette Martinez-Lievanos, Nancy Hart, Dana Kruckenberg

Members Unexcused: Nicole Hoxie

Guests: David Kessinger, Laurie Hoirup, Wendy Jensen, Marie Leggette, Paul Chavez, Mike Studebaker

Staff: Martha Matus and Lucelia Rodriguez, Colleen Nicol, City Clerk's Office

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting called to order by Chairman Akes at 6:35 pm

2. Approval of Minutes, January 3, 2005

(Watson/McNiel/Carried, two abstained Jansen/Brown)

3. Guest Presentation: Colleen Nicol, City Clerk

- Colleen presented that Measure GG requires representation from every Ward on the City's boards and commissions. Those members currently serving on a board or commission will finish their term. The City Clerk asks that the RNP members consider applying for a board or commission and/or help recruit friends and neighbors. Term limits for boards and commissions are four years. The City Clerk's Office would like to have a large applicant pool for the City Council to review. Applications will be considered until March 15th. If members have any ideas for recruitment please call City Clerk's office (951) 826-5557.

4. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods

- David Kessinger, Pachappa Hills Neighborhood Watch, for the record reported that Pachappa Hill is in need of a sewer line.
- Laurie Hoirup, Executive Director of Community Access Center, inquired about when she will hear about serving on the RNP as a non-profit representative. Eva has submitted Laurie's name to the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee for review.

5. Replacement of Absent Board Members

Akes reported that a letter of intention was sent to Nicole Hoxie and Walter Jansen on January 19, 2005, requesting them to contact the Office of Neighborhoods as to their intention to continue serving as an RNP Area Representative pursuant to the RNP By-Laws, Article IV (4)(A). Walter Jansen was present at this meeting and stated that he will continue to serve on

the partnership. Nicole Hoxie did not respond to the letter and therefore was removed from the RNP Board by two-thirds vote.
(McNiel/ Duran/Carried)

6. One-Year Action Plan Reports

a. First Quarter Goals (September – November)

Watson reported that DeBayona, Gritton, and Watson attended the Ramona Neighborhood Mayor's Night Out. The Mayor was pleased to introduce the RNP members and made a brief statement as to the RNPs purpose. Watson distributed the February 23rd schedule to the Area 3 representatives as a reminder.

b. Second Quarter Goals (December – February)

- Executive Board: no report
- Neighborhood Networking and Organizing: Dana will coordinate a meeting with the subcommittee for Wednesday, February 23rd. Dana emphasized the importance for RNP members to attend and invite other community members to the City Council meeting on February 15, 2005 at 6:30pm in support of agenda item: Neighborhood Governance Task Force.
- Newsletter Development: Dana reported that she spoke with Maureen Clemens, Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group regarding their newsletter design. Cindy Jensen, Wood Streets Historic Neighborhood Association also volunteered to share their newsletter.
- Website Development: Percy had a meeting with Eva and the City's Communications Officer, Ennette Nusbaum, to discuss the development of an RNP Website. Two options were given: 1) City Maintained Webpage would need to be maintained by staff and requires content approval; 2) City Linked Webpage would be a link from the City's website, requires no review of content, except that the site cannot be overtly political. Eva will develop a questionnaire to go to neighborhood organizations to get their input as to ideas for the website.

7. Cinco de Mayor Parade and Fiesta: Jacob Hernandez

Hernandez reported that the Villegas Park Advisory Committee is sponsoring the 98th Annual Cinco de Mayor Parade and Fiesta on April 30th and May 1st. The RNP could participate by giving a Sponsorship donation and/or volunteer were needed. Dana proposed and the the RNP agreed to have an informational booth at the Fiesta both days. Dana (chair), Gritton, Jansen, Duran and Dyer agreed to plan and coordinate the RNP's participation. Jansen will check into possibly acquiring a vintage vehicle so that RNP Area representatives could participate in the parade. RNP members were invited to the Villegas PAC meeting on February 17, 2005 at 5:30pm at Villegas Center.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- **Discussion and plans for the Neighborhood Conference at the March meeting**
- **Watson requested that an ABCD workshop be scheduled for the RNP.**

9. Other Business/Public Comment

- McNiel reported that the Downtown Partnership will be installing a Webcam in the next few weeks.
- Laurell Hoirup, Community Access Center, provides free community awareness presentations.
- Hernandez reported that the Boxing/Karate Center will open in March and the Computer Lab and Homework Assistance programs are available at Villegas Center.
- Hart announced the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Conference in July, more information next month.
- Akes reported that he received a reminder card on February 5th from HCD regarding the West End Focus Area meeting scheduled for February 3rd which was too late for notification.
- Duran announced the Cops, Clergy, and Community Network meeting for February 9th at the Boathouse.
- Duran announced the Black History Month Parade and activities in the month of February 2005.

7. Next Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2005

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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